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LOCAL DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK

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MARIANNA – The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announces upcoming changes to your local driver license office. The state-operated driver license office, located at 3613 Highway 90, Marianna, FL 32446, will close its doors on Sept. 22, 2011, at 5 p.m.

Beginning Sept. 23, the Department's Florida Licensing On Wheels mobile unit will be on site to serve customers who need commercial driver license services only. All other customers may visit driver license offices run by the state and by county tax collectors in neighboring Bay, Calhoun and Holmes counties. Customers may log onto www.flhsmv.gov to find more nearby office locations.

Florida now requires additional documents to obtain a new or renewed driver license or identification card. Prepare for your next visit by bringing documents to show proof of 1) identification, 2) Social Security number and 3) residential address (two items). Customers who have ever changed their names legally must bring additional documentation. To find out exactly what you need to bring with you, visit www.GatherGoGet.com. The Department also has a Facebook page where customers can inquire or keep up with news that impacts Florida motorists at www.facebook.com/gathergoget.

The Department encourages customers to skip the trip and conduct their driver license business online at www.GoRenew.com, where they can access various online services. Customers can renew their driver licenses, ID cards and vehicle tags, as well as change their address all from the comfort of their home or office. There are no surcharges for using the Internet. If a customer has received notification from the Department that he/she will have to come into an office, he/she can make an appointment at www.flhsmv.gov/oasis. The online appointment service is an excellent time-saving tool.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov or follow us on Twitter at @FDHSMV.

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